

TO BE perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature; to be so to the utmost of our abilities, is the glory of man.—Aldison.

P-TA To Hear Dope Expert

The narcotics problem will be discussed by a representative of the county sheriff's office at the 259th Place School P-TA association meeting to be held in the school auditorium tonight at 7:30 p.m. Child care will be provided and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

JAN STERLING ADDRESSES WOMAN'S CLUB

The meeting of the Torrance Woman's club Wednesday, November 18, was opened by Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, president.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. W. F. Toombs, followed by a Thanksgiving devotion recited by Mrs. John Taylor.

Mrs. W. I. Laughon, accompanied by Mrs. James Burchett, presided over by Mrs. Carl Cramer. Dale Wiskstrom announced that the collection made by the school children during Halloween of thread, needles, and various articles of clothing were taken to the Friends Church in Long Beach and will be sent to needy families overseas.

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Exceptional Children, P-TA Topic

"How the Torrance School District Helps the Exceptional Child" was the theme of the speech given by Mrs. Warren Hamilton at the regular monthly P-TA meeting of the Waleria School. The meeting was held last Thursday November 12.

Another entertaining feature of the program was a series of songs sung by the sixth grade chorus under the direction of Mrs. DeRosa.

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Successful Chest Drive

Over the top went the Community Chest in the annual drive to raise funds in Lomita. After the kick off meeting at the home of Mrs. P. Orseth, the P-TA volunteers from 259th Place school went from door to door canvassing the neighborhood. The goal from this section of Lomita was \$280 and on Friday, at the end of the same week, the goal had been passed.

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WOMEN'S NEWS CLUB NEWS

Principal Addresses PTA Council

The October meeting of the Lomita, San Pedro Council of P-TA was held in San Pedro, Tuesday, November 3 at 10 a.m. with the Seventh Street School P-TA members acting as hostesses. Mrs. William Russell, president of the Council conducted the meeting and introduced the guests present; the Mesdames Michael Foxhoven, president of Gardena-Wilmington Council, M. L. J. Hansen, president of Mary Star of the Sea P-TA, Lawrence Lobach, Harbor regional director of Tenth District, Don Wolfe, past president of Lomita, San Pedro Council and now Founders Day chairman of the Tenth District.

Principal Speaks
Mrs. Eleanor Swimm, principal of Seventh Street School was the guest speaker, speaking on the topic, "Parents and Teachers as Partners."

Mrs. Lawrence Lobach, made a plea for more blood, as the Red Cross is in dire need of gamma globulin in polio and measles cases.

Reports
The following chairmen gave reports: Mrs. John Blackmon, youth services; Peter Costa Jr., safety; Hazel Stanton, coordinating council and William Probert, child welfare.

Motion picture chairman, Mrs. A. C. Akerson reviewed the recommended P-TA movie of the month.

The resignation of Mrs. A. W. Patricia, parent education chairman was received; and the name of Mrs. Robert Pratin, of 259th place was ratified by the Council as Room Mother Chairman.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson, membership chairman, stated there are now 6559 members in the Lomita, San Pedro Council, with four of the schools having reached at least 100 per cent; Bandini, Leland, Seventh Street and White Point.

The December 1 meeting of the Council will be held at Lomita, Elementary School, with the topic "Family Traditions are our most precious possessions."

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THS Health Program P-TA Panel Topic

"Health Program in Torrance High" was the topic of the panel discussion at the November meeting of Torrance High School P-TA held in the school library Tuesday evening.

Panel Members
The panel consisted of Betty McCown, home economics instructor, Leonard Lifton, English-social studies teacher, Violet Caldwell, school nurse and Kathy Bishop, girls physical education instructor. The student body was represented by senior students, Mary Sue Eosley and Gregg Jenkins, Miss C. Rous, girls counselor, acted as moderator.

This program was made possible through the cooperation of Mr. Bruce Wagner, the high school principal and Mrs. Frank Lane, program chairman for the P-TA.

Mrs. D. B. Kirks announced that Torrance High School P-TA had made honor roll.

Membership
Mrs. John L. Hinds reported a membership of 512 members of which 66 are teachers.

Halldale Membership Reaches 928

The Halldale Avenue School P-TA under the guidance and leadership of its president, Mrs. E. E. Salcido, recently held its regular board meeting at the Halldale Avenue School.

Membership Committee with Mrs. L. C. Bishop, reporting, stated that the membership drive has been very successful, accounting for 928 members to this date and more expected to open soon.

Due to the resignation of Mrs. V. Carthrae as music chairman, because of having to move to Catalina Island, Mrs. J. Blackman was appointed to fill that vacancy. Mrs. Bill Overstreet was appointed as the organization's historian.

Mrs. E. E. Salcido announced that Parent Information courses with various phases of the significance and interpretation of the P-TA are being offered to the public at Channel Heights School San Pedro, California on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The courses will end on December 1, 1953.

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Mrs. Spilde Addresses Council PTA

Torrance Council P-TA held its November meeting at the Board of Education office on Tuesday, November 10, with Mrs. H. E. Carr, president, presiding.

Present at the meeting was Dorothy Spilde from the Harbor District Mental Health Service located in the San Pedro Health Center which serves the Harbor area.

Applications for individual appointments, Mrs. Spilde said, may be secured by calling the clinic at Terminal 26464. The fee for such appointments is figured according to the individual's ability to pay.

Volunteer help does most of the clerical work but money is needed for supplies. Donations from groups or individuals are gratefully accepted.

During the business session, Mrs. John R. Patrick, membership chairman, reported a total of 5599 members in the local units so far this year. Welfare chairman, Mrs. Ralph Eystone, asked all unit welfare chairmen to check their Christmas basket lists through the Junior Chamber of Commerce which will act as a clearing house for organizations doing welfare work.

PTA To See Safety Film

"And Then There Were Four," a safety film, will be shown by the Perry School P-TA at its meeting today in the auditorium. This announcement was made by Mrs. A. F. Kupka, program chairman, at the executive board meeting at the home of Mrs. R. F. Dohner, 17311 Prairie avenue November 12.

The cub pack committee reported that a meeting is to be held at the school auditorium Friday, November 20 at 7:45 p.m. Parents of boys 8-11 years of age interested in helping to organize a new pack are requested to attend.

Y-Wives Will Get Holiday Cooking Tips

Holiday entertaining and food for the family will be demonstrated at the meeting of Y-Wives at the Torrance YWCA Friday, November 20. This special program will follow the regular 9:30 a.m. dance class, Mrs. Floyd V. Miller, president, has announced.

The cooking demonstration will be given by Mrs. Margie Ewen, home service representative of the Southern California Gas company. The program will start at 10:30 and last until noon. Child care is available during the morning session.

The group cordially invites all women in the community to attend and become members of Y-Wives. For further information please call FAirfax 8-5914. The Torrance YWCA is located at 2320 Carson street.

Contest Winners Announced

Gardena - Wilmington Council's membership poster contest highlighted the luncheon meeting of the council when it convened at the Rosecrans Recreation Center on Friday, November 13 with Mrs. Michael Foxhoven, president, presiding. Hostesses for the meeting were members of the 135th Street P-TA.

All posters submitted by the unit associations were classified as Child Appeal Membership Posters. Ribbon prizes were awarded as follows: first, Fries Avenue P-TA; second, Gulf Avenue P-TA; third, 186th Street P-TA and honorable mention, 135th Street P-TA. Wilmington Park P-TA received a special award for an unusual poster, combining membership, Americanism and good citizenship.

Judge
Serving as judges for the poster contest were three guests from Tenth District P-TA: Mesdames J. Paul Elliott, junior past president; Frank A. Moore, chairman, room representatives and H. E. Johnson, elementary school education chairman.

Parchment awards were presented to each principal of the 17 elementary schools of the Gardena-Wilmington Council, for having attained 100 per cent teacher membership in the recent drive. Membership of the Gardena-Wilmington Council now numbers 9720 members, with four elementary schools having attained 100 per cent parent-teacher membership.

Mrs. Paul J. Elliott, junior past president of Tenth District was the principal speaker at the meeting.

Refutation
Business on the agenda included ratification of Mrs. Elsie Rush, parent-teacher information course chairman; unit presidents' reports and council chairman: Mesdames B. C. Roberts, magazines; Samuel G. Johnston, red cross and John M. Hackett, civilian defense.

Trios Celebrate 32nd Birthday

Tris Rebekah Lodge No. 240 celebrated its 32nd birthday November 11. In honor of the occasion Trio Helpers presented the Lodge with a new leather briefcase for the treasurer and a large monetary gift. The Past Noble Grands' Club presented to the Lodge a beautiful large white Bible for their altar.

The bazaar put on by Trio Helpers for Trio proved a huge success.

A gadget party will be held at the home of Louinda Roberts, 24518 Senator, Harbor City at 1 p.m. Friday, November 20. The proceeds of the party are to go to the Christmas Fund to help those in need.

The next meeting will be November 25 at the California Hall at 8 p.m. Second nominations of officers will be on the agenda for the evening.

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